

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Eliot LEAR

Group Art Unit No.: 2436

Serial No.: 10/822,927

Examiner: JOHNSON, Carlton

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For: METHOD FOR VERIFYING
CONFIGURATION CHANGES FOR
NETWORK DEVICES USING DIGITAL
SIGNATURES

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed March 18, 2009, the shortened statutory period for which runs until June 18, 2009, please reconsider the present application in light of the amendments and remarks herein. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2.
- **Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 4.
- **Remarks** begin at page 16.